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28th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show Planned

History will come alive once again when Columbia Parks and Recreation sponsors the 28th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show this fall. The two-day event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 17-18 at historic Nifong Park.

Visitors will be able to experience life as it was in the 19th century with a wide variety of activities.

Features of the Heritage Festival include will include a replica Lewis and Clark camp, an 1859 town with more than 30 tents of shopkeepers, American Indian drumming and dancing, and artisans and tradesmen dressed in 19th century attire demonstrating their trades and selling their wares.

A wide range of entertainment will be featured on three stages, including music, dancing and storytelling. Featured entertainers include the Lakota pow wow dancers from South Dakota, Chris Camp – the world champion whip cracker, Paul & Win Grace, Ironweed Bluegrass Band, Green Corn Band, Uncle Charlotte & the Swamp Rabbits, Cowboy Poets, Kunami – African dancing and storytelling, a fiddlers' competition on Saturday afternoon, Professor Farquar's Great American Medicine Show, blues and jazz and many local favorites.

Visitors can pick up some early holiday gifts in the large contemporary, handmade craft area. Saturday evening ghost stories from 8 to 9:30 pm will offer thrills. Children will enjoy numerous activities in the Fun for Young'uns Area and hayrides are fun for the entire family. Tour the Historic Maplewood Home and the Walter's Boone County Historical Museum. Great food and a beautiful park setting will make the Heritage Festival a family tradition.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated and sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and co-sponsored by ABC-17, Boone County Historical Society, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Courtyard by Marriott, Metro Rotary Club & Missouri River Community Network.

Nifong Park is located at the AC exit in Columbia off of Highway 63 south. For more information, call 573-874-7460 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com, (Enter GoWord: GoHeritageFestival).